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SUBJECT: SAFEGUARDS DOCUMENTARY

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1. NBC INTEREST IN FILMING SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION DISCUSSED WITH INSPECTOR GEN ROMETSCH, WHO WAS CAUTIOUSLY RECEPTIVE TO IDEA. CAUTION, BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, RESULTS FROM CONCERN THAT PRECONCEIVED INTENT OF PRODUCER MAY BE TO PORTRAY IAEA SAFEGUARDS AS FUTILE OR INEFFECTIVE IN ORDER TO SENSATIONALIZE DANGERS OF PROLIFERATION FROM INCREASED UTILIZATION NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS.

2.FYI: AS INDICATION OF ROMETSCH'S CAUTIONS ATTITUDE TOWARD PUBLICITY OVER WHICH AGENCY HAS LITTLE OR NO CONTROL, HE MENTIONED THAT MAJOR FRG TELEVISION NETWORK (NORDEUTSCH RUNDFUNK) HAS PROPOSED DOING ONE-HOUR DOCUMENTARY ON THE WORK OF AN IAEA SAFEGUARDS INSPECTOR, INCLUDING FILMS OF ACTUAL INSPECTIONS. ROMETSCH HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER, RECOGNIZING VALUE OF GOOD PUBLICITY, BUT RESERVED APPROVAL PENDING HIS REVIEW OF SCRIPT. END FYI.

3. BEFORE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING NBC PLAN ROMETSCH

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REQUIRES DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF CONTEXT IN WHICH SEGMENT

WOULD APPEAR. IF NBC WILLING PROVIDE SUCH DESCRIPTION,
HE SUGGESTS THEY CONTACT G. DELCOIGNE, IAEA CHIEF OF
PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SET UP DISCUSSION.

4. ROMETSCH MENTIONED THAT APPROVAL BY DIR GEN EKLUND
WOULD BE REQUIRED, AS WELL AS THAT OF FACILITY OPERATOR
AND GOVERNMENT TO BE INVOLVED. IN LATTER CONNECTION, HE
NOTED THAT SWEDISH FUEL FABRICATION PLANT AND SWISS POWER
REACTOR HAD ALREADY BEEN LINED UP "IN PRINCIPLE" FOR
PROJECT OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE. PORTER

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